

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 2, 3, 49, and 50 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An immunomodulatory polynucleotide/microcarrier (IMP/MC) complex, comprising:

a polynucleotide covalently linked to the surface of a biodegradable micro carrier (MC), wherein said polynucleotide comprises the sequence ~~[[5'-C-G-3']]~~ 5'-CG-3', wherein the polynucleotide is greater than 6 nucleotides in length and wherein said MC is less than 10 μm in size.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 1, wherein said microcarrier is a liquid phase microcarrier.

Claim 5 (Original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 1, wherein said microcarrier is a solid phase microcarrier.

Claim 6 (Original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 1, wherein said microcarrier is from 25 nm to 5 μm in size.

Claim 7 (Original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 6, wherein said microcarrier is from 1.0 μm to 2.0 μm in size.

Claim 8 (Original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 7, wherein said microcarrier is 1.4 μm in size.